

# HERMISTON FOLK TELL OF ADVANTAGES SITE HAS AS CANTONMENT

### Climate and Soil and Transportation Facilities Pointed Out; Fuel Supply Nearby.

### SMALL COST IS FEATURE

Sun Shines All the Year and Hains in Winter and Spring Are Light—Major Parks Visits.

The people of Hermiston and of Umatilla county believe that they have the finest location in the Northwest for an army cantonment, and are trying to convince the war department that their belief is backed by facts and conditions which warrant it.

Up in the northeastern part of Oregon, on the uplands of Umatilla county, where the sun shines all the year round and the air is crisp, pure and bracing, where it seldom rains in winter or spring and the snow does not often fly, are 20,000 acres of level plateau, much of it government land, upon which they want the government to train 25,000 of its soldiers.

**County Starts Campaign**  
Leading men of Umatilla county are preparing data and forwarding a campaign to induce the war department to select the Hermiston site for cantonment use, and in doing this they point out the many and varied advantages which it holds above those of other sites already selected or used in different sections of the country.

The Hermiston site is included in a triangle formed by the O-W, R. & N. main line tracks which link around the junctions of Umatilla, Hinkle and Messner. In the old days, before the railroad company constructed and operated the "Coyote cutoff," the passengers who journeyed over the O-W, R. & N. lines traveled along the Columbia river from the LaBelle to Umatilla, and then up the Umatilla river to Pendleton. It was a long and crooked journey which the Coyote cutoff was destined to eliminate. Turn cutoff leaves the old main line at a right angle triangle in a straight line to the south and east to a junction with the old line at Hinkle.

**Many Advantages Possessed**  
The site for the proposed cantonment lies within the boundaries of this triangle and possesses manifold and apparent advantages from the standpoint of climate, of soil, water, light and fuel supply and sanitation. Improper conditions which have arisen from the too close location of some other cantonments to the temptations and the deadfalls of the big towns are avoided.

The climate of Northeastern Umatilla county is ideal for the location of a cantonment. The altitude ranges between 500 and 1000 feet, and there is scarcely a day in the year when the sun does not shine. The average temperature for the year is 48 degrees, and the average rainfall is 13.56 inches. The region suffers neither from extreme heat nor extreme cold. The drill grounds would not be hampered with mud in winter, while, upland as it is, it would not be easily ground unkle deep in dust.

**Reached by Rail and Boat Lines**

The backers of the site point out its favorable location from the standpoint of transportation and supply bases by showing that it is adjacent to the main line of the O. W. R. & N. system, while the main line of the North Bank road lies just across the Columbia, easily reached by ferry from Umatilla junction. In addition to the rail lines the Columbia river furnishes water transportation west to Portland and east to Lewiston by means of the steamers operated by the Willamette and Columbia River Towing company.

The site is 130 miles distant from Portland and 191 miles from Spokane by rail, thus furnishing easy access to big supply bases, while it is pointed out that abundant fuel and timber supplies lie only 30 miles away in the forests of the Blue mountains. The Pacific Light & Power company has high power transmission lines within 27 miles of the proposed cantonment site, so that the light and power problem would be easily solved, while the coal fields of Utah and Wyoming lie near at hand.

**Private Lands Offered**

Arrangements have been made whereby some 2000 acres of privately owned land would be deeded to the government as a location for the cantonment buildings, while the 26,000 acres available for the use of drill grounds consist in large part of government land. An ample and pure water supply is available from the Columbia river and from various mountain streams rising in the Blue mountains.

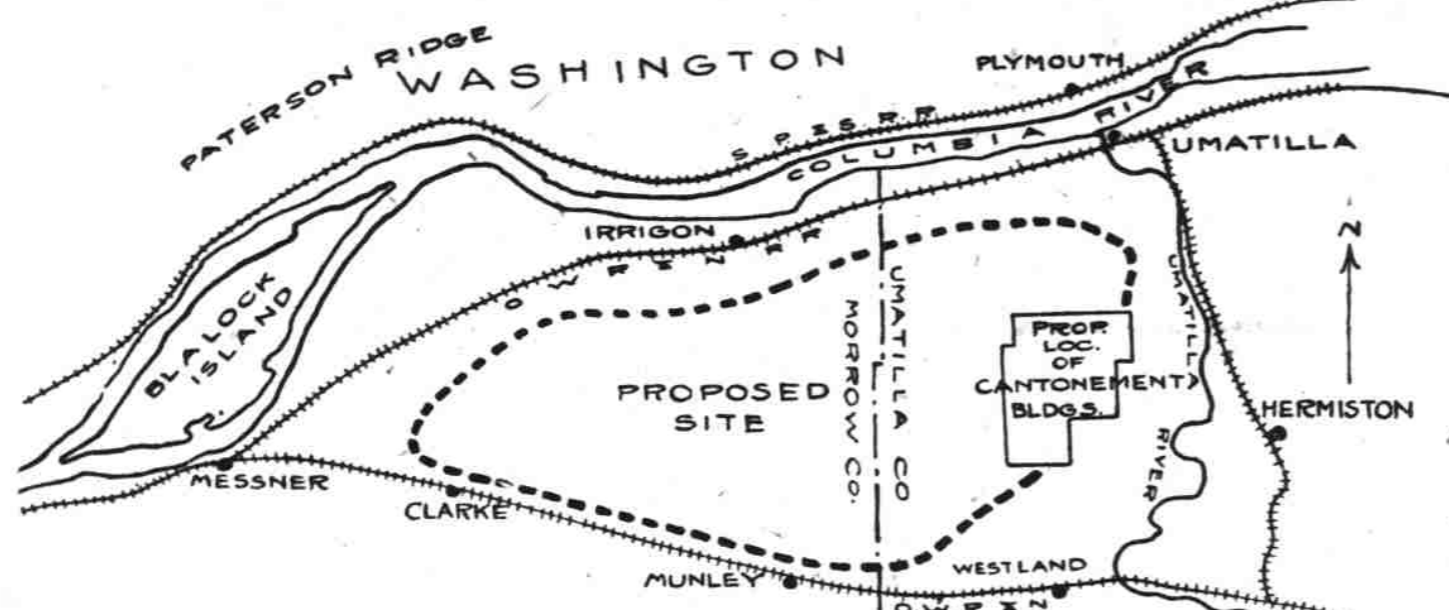
The people of Umatilla county who are leading the campaign to secure the proposed cantonment contend that, all things considered, the government could not find a more suitable site. They point to the fact that the entire tract would come to the government, either by reason of present ownership or by deed or lease, free of cost. Government owned timber for fuel and lumber is near at hand. There is no transportation problem and no supply problem, with two big bases at Portland and Spokane equidistant, not to speak of the rich and highly productive irrigated sections of the Yakima and Walla Walla valleys, the irrigated sections of Idaho and of Umatilla county, all of which could be used, if necessary, to supplement the supply areas of Portland and Spokane.

**Data Being Collected**

Recently Major Richard Parks, Engineer corps, U. S. A., made an inspection tour of proposed cantonment sites, including the Hermiston site. It is expected that his report soon will be presented to the war department and in anticipation of this much data has been gathered by leading men of Umatilla county, covering everything from freight rates to the velocity of the wind, and which will be forwarded to the war department in support of the claims of the Hermiston site.

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## LOCATION OFFERED FOR CANTONMENT



Map Showing 30,000-Acre Tract in Umatilla county near Hermiston urged as site for army cantonment.

### Portland's Servant Girls to Unionize

**Purpose Is General Uplifting of Craft, and for Improvement of Conditions Under Which They Work.**

Portland's servant girls are preparing to form a union for the uplifting of their craft and for the improvement of conditions under which they work. O. E. Hartwig, president of the state federation of labor, admitted yesterday that such a movement was afoot, but disclaimed further information. It is known, however, that the girls and women employed as domestics have been more difficult to obtain on account of the new avenues of labor for women caused by the exodus of young men from the industries into the army. It is understood that the first crusade of the union when it is organized will be to obtain a definite schedule of working hours rather than an immediate increase in pay.

It is understood that the union will take in, besides women employed in private homes, employees at clubs, not now organized, scrub women, laundresses and those in other service. The average wage now being paid in Portland for domestic help ranges around \$25 a month, although in some homes where a number of maids are employed, \$35 or more is being paid.

Girls who attend high school and work in homes outside of school hours are receiving around \$6 or \$10 a month. It is reported that scrubwomen who formerly charged 25 cents an hour are now receiving 30 cents and carfare. A meeting is to be called for some time this week to complete the organization. One meeting already has been held at which about 100 members were signed up.

**Count Tolstoy's Estate Pillaged**  
Petrograd, Oct. 20.—Bands of peasants have pillaged the estate of the late Count Leo Tolstoy at Yasnaya Polyana. The countess has asked the minister of the interior for protection from further devastation.

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### Boy Uses Hammer To Pound Shotgun Shell; Loses an Eye

A shotgun shell exploding in the hands of William Schmeer, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmeer, 11 East Fourteenth street, yesterday afternoon caused the loss of sight in his right eye and injuries to the left eye that may cause total blindness. Besides these injuries, his right arm and right leg were terribly lacerated by the flying shot from the cartridge. The child procured the shell from a stock belonging to his father. The shell exploded when he struck it with a hammer while he was playing in the yard of his home. Shots from the shell penetrated almost every inch of the right side of his body and were imbedded in the scalp. Dr. F. G. Haas was called and the boy rushed to the Emanuel hospital where efforts are being made to save the sight of the child's left eye.

### To Respect Hospital Ships

Paris, Oct. 20.—A semi-official statement says that the German government having agreed to respect French hospital ships in the Mediterranean, the French government will no longer cause German officer prisoners to sail in those vessels.

### Britons and Swedes Are Friendly Again

Washington, Oct. 20.—(U. P.)—The British-Swedish mail imbroglio will be a closed incident in a "few days," it was authoritatively learned today. The impression was given that the British will not insist further on opening diplomatic pouches, which has threatened a rupture in relations between the two governments.

### Attends Trial of Friend; Arrested

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 20.—(U. P.)—When Charles Ashley, I. W. W. member, went to United States Commissioner Krull's court room today to attend the hearing in the case of George Speed, another I. W. W. recently indicted in Chicago, he was arrested by United States Marshal Hoehnan on the same charge as Speed.

### Votes Will Be Cast In Army Camps

Washington, Oct. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of War Baker has sent instructions to camp commanders whose camps include men from states which hold elections in November, authorizing them to provide every facility for the usual registration and voting of these men.

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## DR. FISHER CONDEMNS USE OF WHITE BREAD WHILE WAR CONTINUES

Comment of Noted Yale Professor Caused by Repeated Passing of Rolls at Lunch.

### IT'S UP TO HOUSEWIVES

**Economist Declares That Not Only Will Finding of Substitutes Serve Nation But Will Make Health Better.**

"Every time I eat a slice of white bread I feel as though I were taking it from the mouth of a soldier," declared Dr. Irving Fisher of Yale in his address before the Oregon Civic League luncheon in the Multnomah hotel Saturday.

The comment gained point because neat waitresses had endeavored to satisfy the appetites of the lunchers by

passing white bread rolls several times.

"It is up to the housewives of this country to reduce or eliminate the use of wheat flour and to find substitutes until the war emergency is past," persisted Dr. Fisher.

He declared that not only would the finding of substitutes for meat and wheat serve the nation at war, but that the general health of the people would be improved.

Not for many days has a speaker before a Portland audience given so plain a statement of the principles of correct living as did the famous economist.

**Eat Too Much**  
A great deal of what he said was repeated from the book "How to Live," of which he is part author. He said that so many are the mistakes in the modern manner of life that people are found at 20 and 30 with symptoms of such old age diseases as hardening of the arteries. We eat, he said, too much intense food, such as meat, eggs, sugar and white bread. Food less high in proteins, buikier and eaten in less of a hurry would add to endurance and prolong life. He advocated thorough ventilation of every room lived in and of clothing. He declared that the food ration should include raw, bulky and hard foods, and that the eliminative processes of the body should take place several times daily. He urged bodily activity as a secret of health.

**Down on Tobacco**  
He said that scientific tests showed tobacco to be deleterious to health. One cigar, he averred, will send up the blood pressure 20 degrees in 20 minutes and smokers are less accurate

as marksmen. Therefore, he said he could not understand why the Red Cross, individuals and kindly disposed organizations supply tobacco in various forms to soldiers in the trenches.

"Every cigar given to a soldier may be a present to the Kaiser," said he.

Dr. Fisher's belief is that the present war is creating more problems than it is solving. Among the greatest, he named that of eugenics.

"To me," he said, "war's greatest tragedy is not the destruction of wealth or of art treasures or of property. It is not so much, either, the maiming or even the slaughter of human beings.

**Fears Effects of War**  
"I can endure the heart breaking and the sorrow. The horror of this war is the deteriorating effect it may have on future generations. We are sending into it the men medically selected as the best we have. I can't estimate the destruction of the health, the morals and the fiber of the human race that might ensue, unless the nations and their people earnestly take up such problems as eugenics and carry them through to a complete solution that will insure a steady increase, instead of diminution in quality of manhood and womanhood."

### France Buys Cuban Ships

Havana, Oct. 20.—President Menocal has signed a decree permitting the Compania Naviera de Cuba to sell three steamers to a French company. The steamers are the Reina de Los Angeles, Antiojenes Menendez and Purissima Concepcion.

## Twenty-seven Die In Raid on England

London, Oct. 20.—(U. P.)—Twenty-seven killed and 53 injured was the total of casualties in the German air-ship raid shortly after midnight today. The official announcement said the list covered the whole zone of the raiders' operations—including eastern and northeastern counties and the London district.

This is the first raid on London by "airships"—presumably Zeppelins—in several months. Germany's main reliance on such "baby-killing" expeditions has been on Gotha airplanes.

## Alleged Swindler Caught by Police

San Francisco, Oct. 20.—F. P. Faulkner, wanted in Chicago and a half dozen coast cities on charges of peddling bogus mining stock, is under arrest in Los Angeles. It is alleged he posed as Captain E. S. Patterson of the intelligence department of the United States army and cleaned up about \$7000 by the sale of alleged bogus stock of the Cresson Consolidated Mining & Milling company. The government circulars described him as "a ladies' man whose specialty is to defraud maiden ladies and widows."

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